

**Historic Resources Subcommittee
Barlow Trail Room
August 8, 2016; 6:00 PM**

I. CALL TO ORDER – 6:00 PM

A regular session of the Gresham Historic Resources Subcommittee was called to order by Chair Alice Duff on Wednesday, August 8, 2016 at 6:00 PM in the Barlow Trail Room at Gresham City Hall, Gresham, Oregon. Minutes were recorded by Ann Pytynia and transcribed by Tammy Richardson.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Teri Browne
Alice Duff, Chair
David Lindstrom
Sandra Millius, Vice Chair
Mike Riley
Gary Washburn

MEMBERS ABSENT:

None

STAFF:

Ann Pytynia, Principal Urban Planner

LIAISONS:

Councilor French

Chair Alice Duff called the meeting to order.

Review of revised April 13, 2016 minutes

Motion to approve April 13, 2016 minutes as revised. Motion seconded and approved unanimously.

Review of June 8, 2016 minutes

Motion to approve June 8, 2016 minutes as submitted. Motion seconded and approved unanimously.

HRS Membership

Ann Pytynia said that David Lindstrom's reappointment has been confirmed. There is still one vacancy on the committee.

Ambleside Update

Ms. Pytynia said there is an update from Peter Guillozet at Metro on the Ambleside project. She said the City has received a copy of the draft Memorandum of Agreement (MOA). Ann has handed it over to the City Attorney's office for review. Additional information received from Peter noted that Metro has issued a RFP for the house relocation. Metro will notify the HRS and other

interested parties of the outcome of their proposal evaluations and the future move location if one is identified during the RFP process. She reviewed other information from Metro including the house deconstruction, signage plans, security at the site, and documentation for filming of a documentary, which is scheduled for August 10.

There was question about the RFP process and Metro's statement regarding selection of the highest scoring proposal. Ann said she will ask Peter for clarification about the RFP proposal selection process.

A question was posed whether anyone has inquired about providing a relocation site. Ann said there was one proposed but it is outside of the city limits. She hasn't heard anything more about it for a while. Ann said she will also follow up on the questions the subcommittee has about the kiosk. There are still issues pending and Ann and David Ross will be meeting with Steve Fancher next week to see if there is any new information on the MOA.

There was a brief discussion about the Corps of Engineers and the DSL permit. It was also noted that there are several very large Rhododendrons on the Ambleside site.

Intern Update

Ann said the intern David Hedberg is making wonderful progress. He has completed updates for 16 of the historic landmarks. Ann shared some of the updated documents and he is about half way through the list. David's internship has been extended through December. It was noted that there are very nice photos and well as much more detail than in the old inventory documents.

The subcommittee suggested they could review the documents during one of the meetings. Ann said she could send them to the members by email to be reviewed when convenient.

Ann noted that this will be the foundation for future work such as the brochure, potential interactive map on line, and other informational materials. This could also be a starting point for getting interest from other properties to be on the City's inventory.

The subcommittee asked for copies of the old 1989 inventory documents. Ann said she can get copies made for the subcommittee.

Hamlin Johnson update

Ms. Pytynia said the Hamlin Johnson house was approved for the National Register and the City's inventory has been updated.

Buttery Building update

Ann stated that she had not heard back from the director of ECHO so sent her another email. Ann received a response on August 2nd that thanked the City for checking in. It noted that things were moving slowly but were progressing.

They are trying to secure the area and the Parks department has offered to let them use some cyclone fencing to cut off access to the building. They are also in the process of trying to find someone willing to donate labor to put up the fence. Mt. Hood CC has been contacted to see if its archeology department has any interest in an excavation project.

Ann said the challenge for the City is to find out what the process is for the City as it is an unusual situation because the City owns the land and ECHO owns the buildings. Ann said David Ross will be involved in trying to determine a process for this. However, it appears that ECHO is not quite ready yet, as they need to fill out a form for SHPO to take it off of the list as a noncontributing resource and then they can proceed with demolition.

CLG Grant update

Ann Pytynia said there are some problems on the CLG Grant because the Federal ID numbers were not included in the grant. After working with legal staff, the City was able to return everything and is packaged and signed off from the City Manager's office and legal staff. She noted that GIS staff has developed the maps for the inventory work. Ann will keep the subcommittee apprised of what is taking place on the grant.

Brainstorm: Outreach Ideas

Ann wants to get some ideas together for an outreach event of some sort to be conducted in 2016 and again in 2017. She has put together a list of ideas that include:

- Walking tour of historic downtown Gresham
- Open houses for certain historic structures
- Coordination with historical society for potential lectures on Gresham's history
- Workshops provided by SHPO on Oregon's history and historical features
- Partnering with Restore Oregon for preservation of mid-century modern buildings
- Contacting Oregon Historical Society for other historical interests

Some additional suggestions were:

- Basic information for getting on local inventory and National Register and what it means to have your house/structure historically designated; educational materials
- How to know what "style" your home is; identify housing types
- Closer connection to historical society; get community more interested in historic preservation; the benefits of historic preservation designations and what it means

The subcommittee should provide any other ideas to city staff that might be considered as outreach projects.

Next Meeting Date: The next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, October 12, 2016.

Meeting adjourned 7:02 PM.

Chair

Recorder

Date

Date